

The Salt Lake Herald's Annual Sporting Review

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BASEBALL DRAWS RECORD CROWDS

Game in Country Never Before So Popular as During Past Year.

PROSPECT FOR SPORT HERE

BEST IN SIGHT NOW IS A STATE LEAGUE.

Baseball, the grand American sport, witnessed its greatest year in the one just passed. Never since the game developed from the primitive town ball or rounders, as it was called in different localities, has the sport been as popular with the masses. This year more players wore uniforms, more leagues were in existence and larger crowds attended the games than ever before. While certain classes have rallied at football, horse racing, pugilism and other popular games, not a single voice has been raised against baseball, and the past season can easily be called the banner one in the history of the game.

With a playing season beginning April 14 and continuing until Oct. 7, the two major organizations in baseball, the American and National leagues, fought during the long months for the championships. In the older organization, the National league, the New York Giants early developed into the strongest team. As the season neared an end it was seen that, barring hard luck of the worst kind, the Giants would be the winners. The team, however, had gained such a reputation

given authority to deal with men like McGraw in the future as he sees fit. Ban Johnson, head of the American league, also witnessed a small-sized revolt during the past year by some of the discontented magnates, but it did not go beyond the newspaper stage.

Much Fuss; Little Sport.

The intermountain country, from which Salt Lake obtains its baseball, witnessed one long scrap among warring magnates, which has not yet reached an end. Early in the year W. H. Lucas, president of the P. N. league, and John J. McCloskey started a war against C. H. Williams of Spokane and Walter Wilmet of Butte. Salt Lake was drawn into the fight, taking sides with the Spokane and Butte magnates, and after a bitter fight, in which the courts cut a prominent figure, drove Lucas and McCloskey out of this territory altogether.

These gentlemen retired to the Puget sound country and organized the Northwest league, which failed to last the season out on account of lack of patronage.

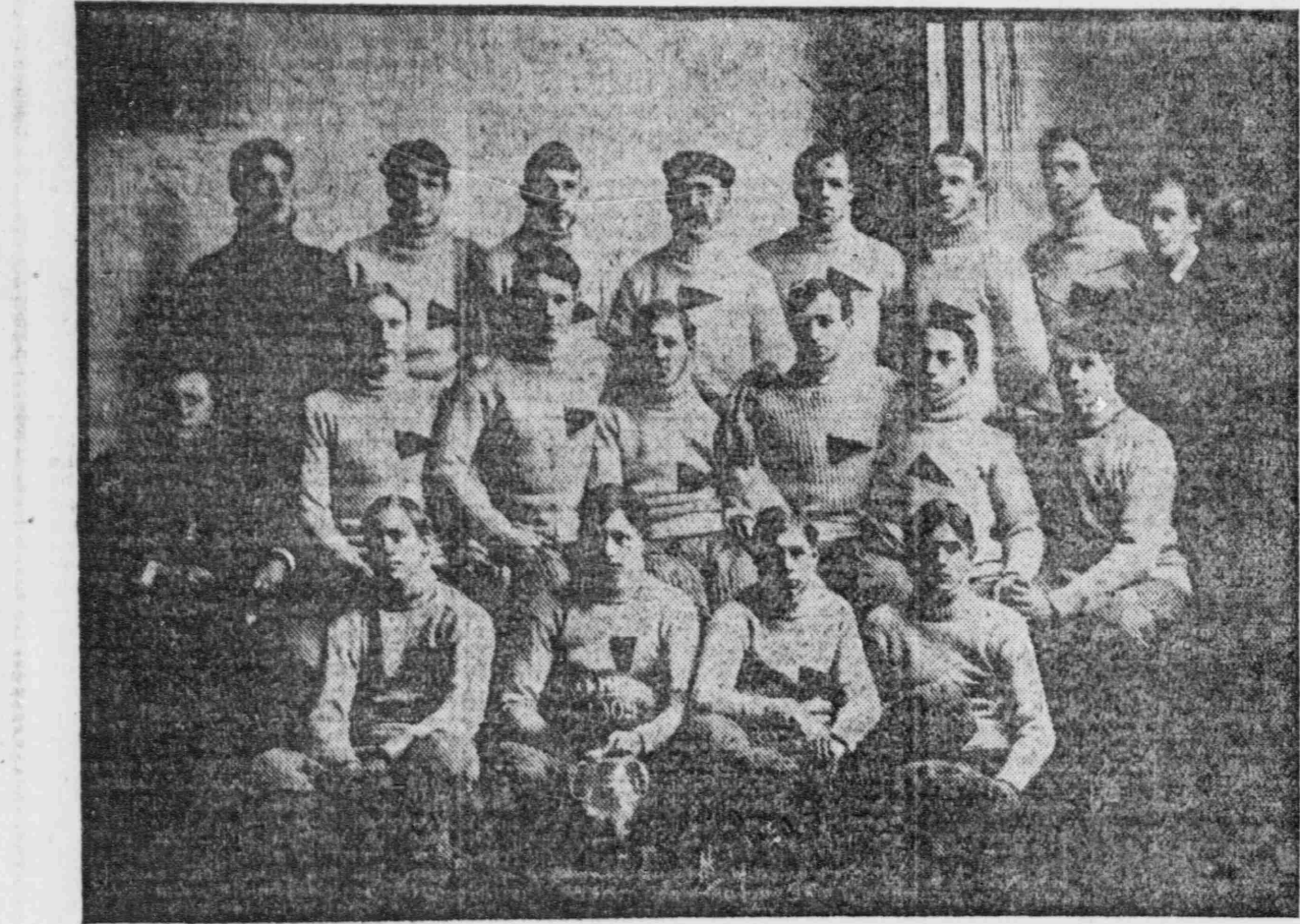
The old Pacific National territory was organized into a four-club circuit, which started out under better conditions, as far as Salt Lake is concerned, than any leagues in which this city has ever been a member. Charlie Reilly, as manager of the Salt Lake team, had the complete confidence of the local fans, who flocked to his support as they have never done before. Reilly proved a complete failure as a team manager, and with good financial backing gave Salt Lake a percentage in the race lower than it has ever had in past years. Interest in the game in the other cities in the league was not as good as expected, friends of the Lucas-McCloskey faction working against the welfare of the league from its inception.

The final outcome was that in the latter part of June the league dissolved through lack of support. An attempt was made to organize a state league here in Utah out of the remnants of the P. N. L., but interest in the sport was lacking, and in a couple of weeks Salt Lake was back to amateur and semi-professional baseball again.

Several of the towns around this city

would be an inexpensive one and would probably be the best one that could be organized under the existing circumstances.

The natural league for Salt Lake and the one that is bound to come upon the completion of the Moffat and Western Pacific railroads, is a league built up around San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver and Salt Lake. Such a league would make a powerful organization and with the natural increase in population by that time would make one of the most powerful minor organizations in the United States. In the meantime, it looks like hard sledding for Salt Lake fans, unless the northwest proposition is carried through.



Salt Lake High School, High School Football Champions of Utah and Northwest.

The players are: Back row, left to right: F. E. Settle, B. G. Settle, Paul, D. A. Callahan (Coach), Richardson, Morris, Critchlow, "600" Raybold, (assistant manager). Middle row, left to right: "Skinny" Clawson (manager); Pick Hyde, Moon, Dunn, Roberts, Harris, Vier. Bottom row, left to right: "Duck" Hyde, Judson (captain); Rouse, Young.

that it continued to draw crowds until the last day, so interested was the public in seeing McGraw's men in action.

In the American league the race was neck and neck until the final week. Chicago and Philadelphia were the contending teams, and it was not until Oct. 6, the day before the season closed, that a defeat for Chicago, at the hands of St. Louis, settled the championship in favor of Philadelphia.

Giants Are the Champions.

Then came the great post-season games for the world's championship between New York of the National league and Philadelphia of the American league. These games were played alternately in Philadelphia and New York and in spite of the immense seating capacity of the ball grounds in these cities it was necessary to make ground rules at each game, allowing the spectators to swarm over the outfield.

Philadelphia, crippled by the loss of its great pitcher, Rube Waddell, fell an easy victim to the Giants. The latter had Christy Mathewson at his best and his wonderful twirling won the world's championship for the New Yorkers. The games stood four won by New York to one by Philadelphia.

National baseball politics, always so interesting to the dyed-in-the-wool baseball fan, has been boiling all year and at times various baseball wars were threatened. A bitter fight was waged all season by the class A leagues with the two major organizations over the drafting clause. At one time the class A leagues actually started a movement to secede from the national agreement, but calmer judgment held them in line. At a meeting held in New York the past month a truce was fixed up by which representatives of the different factions will meet early this month to draw up a drafting clause which will be agreeable to all.

Pulliam Wins Over McGraw.

President Pulliam of the National league has had a bitter fight all season against a faction within his league, headed by John T. Brush, owner of the New York Giants. The feud developed over the disciplining of Manager McGraw of the Giants for rowdiness on the ball field. Brush vowed vengeance and threatened to oust Pulliam from the presidency of the league. The fight continued until the annual meeting, held Dec. 14, when Pulliam was fully vindicated, re-elected president and

tried to break into the field vacated by the P. N. L., but received poor support from the public, who had a taste of minor league baseball. The semi-professional season ended in a game between Park City and Eureka, played in this city, and a season which started out with such bright prospects ended in a complete failure.

What of the Future?

Already fans are asking what the prospects are for next year, but it can be stated authoritatively at this writing that there has been absolutely nothing done which will warrant baseball for Salt Lake next season. This does not mean that all hope has been given up for a team in Salt Lake, as those interested in giving the town baseball have been quietly working toward that end. Just what will be accomplished, if anything, is mere conjecture.

Among the prospects in sight is the old Northwest league of Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Butte and Salt Lake. This would be the best league, as far as Salt Lake is concerned, that could be organized at this time, and is one that the fans would like to see. Unfortunately, however, the key of a league of this kind is held in Seattle and Portland, and these towns will have to agree to come this way before anything can be done.

At the present time the Coast league controls this territory, but as the three-year agreement under which the Coast league does business expires this season, it is hoped the north coast towns can be pulled in this direction. Whether this will be done or not depends upon the meeting of the Coast league, scheduled for the middle of January, when, if the present Coast league is maintained, Salt Lake's prospects are not very bright for big league ball next year.

When Angels Play the Game.

There are some who favor a league consisting of Utah and Montana towns, or the P. N. league of this season. Such a league, however, would result only in a case of finding angels to put up good money to be squandered. While it would give good baseball, it would be a losing proposition and would hardly last through the season. Should the Northwest league be pulled in through this league may be tried.

A state league, comprising Salt Lake, Eureka, Park City, Bingham, Ogden or Provo, is also talked of and may be the league of last resort. Such a league

SPORTING HAPPENINGS AT HOME AND ABROAD

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championship by defeating Frank Roberts.

Oct. 4-K. H. Behr of Yale defeats H. H. Whitney of Harvard in intercollegiate match.

BOWLING.

Feb. 6-Commercial Bowling league organized in Salt Lake.

Feb. 6-Mrs. G. F. Foster of Salt Lake breaks women's world's bowling record with 244 for single game and a 139 1-3 average for three games.

Feb. 16-J. W. Hanes bowls first 300 score ever rolled in intermountain country.

Feb. 20-A. B. C. bowling tournament starts at Milwaukee.

Feb. 21-Sam Karpf re-elected secretary A. B. C.

March 8-Salt Lake Bowling league season ends, with Tuxedos as city champions for season 1904-05.

March 31-Salt Lake beats Butte in first telegraphic bowling contest ever held.

April 10-F. L. Whitney bowls 300 score in this city.

April 14-Salt Lake wins bowling championship of the west in intercity telegraphic bowling contest.

April 26-Western Bowling congress organized at a meeting of delegates in Spokane.

April 27-W. S. Zehring of Salt Lake wins high average at Spokane bowling tournament.

May 16-Salt Lake beats Los Angeles in telegraphic bowling contest.

Oct. 16-Salt Lake City league opens bowling season.

Nov. 14-L. Frantz of Cleveland bowls 738 in three games, breaking world's record.

Nov. 25-Denver wins all-western bowling championship in telegraphic contest.

Dec. 7-Crescent team of Salt Lake breaks team record, bowling 1124 points in a five-man-team game.

GOLF.

June 23-R. L. McLeary wins golf championship of Pacific coast in Portland tournament.

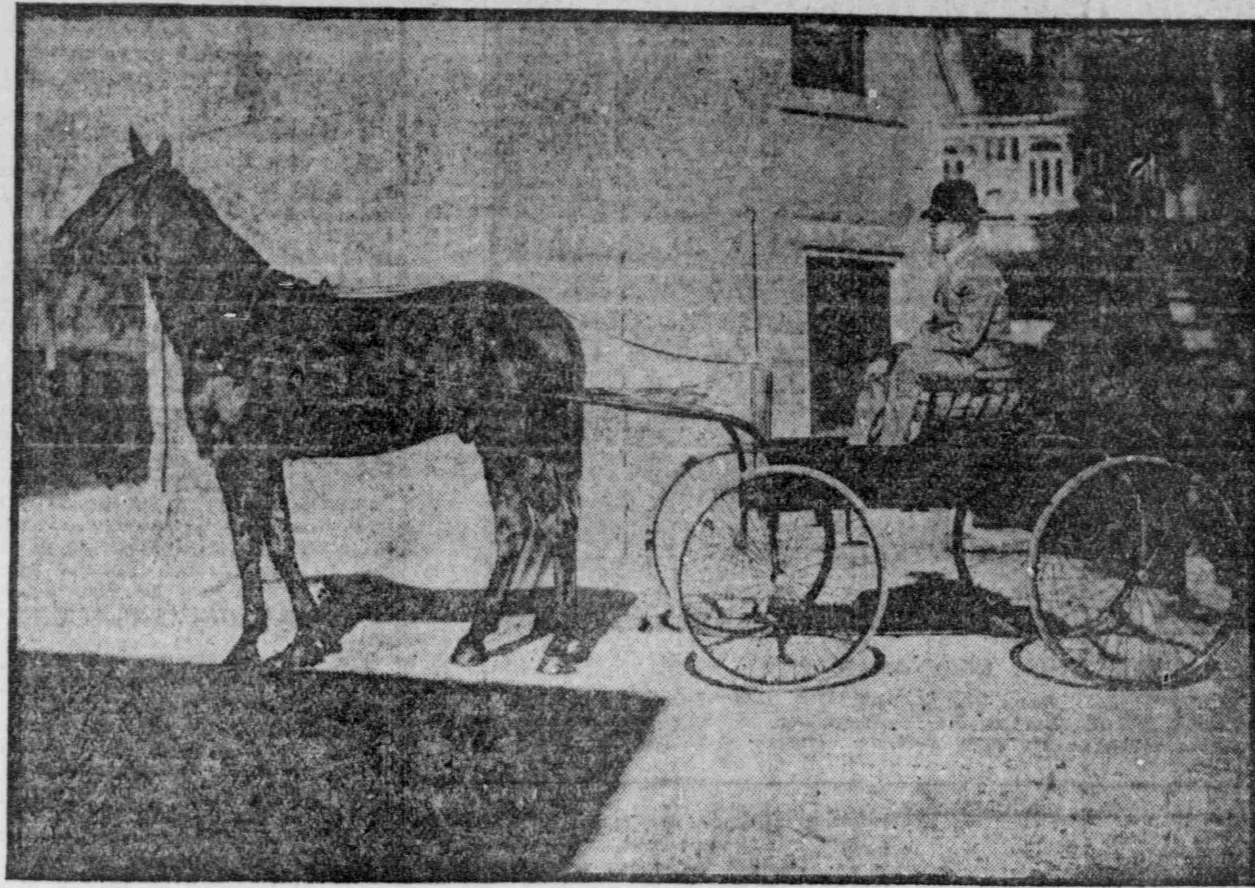
July 22-H. Chandler Egan defeats W. T. Howland, winning final possession of Ravinosa cup.

July 23-Salt Lake defeats Butte in golf tournament, winning Leyson cup.

Aug. 12-H. Chandler Egan successfully defends golf championship title at Chicago against D. E. Sawyer.

Aug. 17-E. E. Giles defeats H. Chandler Egan in contest for Exmoor cup.

Sept. 2-Mrs. C. L. Dering wins western



DR. FRASSE AND HIS OWNER, J. T. RICHARDS.

The most consistent performer in Utah during the past season. Making seven starts during the year and winning seven firsts and about \$2,000 in purse money for his owner. Dr. Frasse is a trotter, has a mark of 2:12 1/4 and holds state record for a mile in 1:15 and half in 1:06, both made during the year at Agricultural Park.

golf championship, defeating Mrs. W. Frances Anderson at Chicago.

Sept. 22-Willie Anderson wins open golf championship of America on Myopia links.

Oct. 16-J. Walcott Thompson wins Packard cup in handicap tournament, defeating Fred A. Hale 2 up and 1 to play at Country club.

Oct. 23-R. E. McGurrah wins Utah golf championship, defeating J. Walcott Thompson. Score, 3 up and 2 to play.

GUN AND ROD.

Jan. 7-Over 1,500 rabbits killed in Indianola rabbit hunt.

Jan. 20-Two teams of twenty men each kill 2,082 rabbits at Cedar Fork in one day.

April 18-A. P. Bigelow wins high medal at Idaho Falls Gun club's tournament.

April 19-Salt Lake Gun club and Rifle club join and secure new shooting grounds.

May 7-Salt Lake Gun club and Rifle club open new traps and butts.

June 26-A. P. Bigelow wins Brownlee cup at Portland trap shoot.

June 27-Fishing season opens in Utah.

Aug. 15-Chickens and dove season opens. Big kill reported.

Sept. 14-Dr. W. W. McCurtain elected president Salt Lake Gun club.

Oct. 1-Duck and quail season opens in Utah and proves one of most successful in size of kill in years.

TRACK AND FIELD.

Jan. 18-University organized track team for the year.

Feb. 1-J. C. Brown elected president U. of U. Athletic association.

March 10-U. of U. holds its first cross country run.

March 31-Oxford beats Cambridge in annual track and field contest.

April 4-John Jensen appointed manager U. of U. Athletics.

April 22-West Side High school defeats East Side in track meet.

April 23-U. of U. beats Provo in annual track meet, scoring 82 points to 29 by B. Y. U. A. C. of Logan defeats B. Y. C. of Logan in track meet; score, 55 to 49.

W. W. Coe puts shot 46 feet, breaking intercollegiate record.

May 6-L. D. S. U. defeats B. Y. C. in track meet at Ogden by 61 to 40 points.

May 7-B. Y. U. defeats A. C. at Provo in track meet, by score of 53 to 48.

May 16-Salt Lake High wins state high school meet with 6 1-3 points out of 35. B. Y. U. defeats B. Y. C. in track meet at Provo. Score, 68 to 36.

May 20-U. of U. wins state track meet. Score: U. of U., 63 1/2; A. C., 20 1/2; B. Y. U., 20; L. D. S. U., 8.

May 27-Cornell wins big four track and field meet.

June 2-Chicago wins intercollegiate track meet on Marshall field. Score: Chicago, 58; Michigan, 38; Iowa, 1-13; Purdue, 1-13.

Aug. 25-Y. M. C. A. holds first annual track meet at Lagoon.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Jan. 2-Harry Welser wins five-mile Utah skating championship.

Jan. 5-Salt Lake Automobile club organized, with O. H. Hewlett as president.

Jan. 15-Barney Oldfield has narrow escape from death while racing at Dayton, Fla.

Jan. 21-State Basket Ball league formed.

Jan. 31-W. H. Bowden travels mile in automobile at Ormond, Fla., in 23 1/2 seconds.

Feb. 2-W. Gould Brokaw travels mile in 1:21 in motor boat at Palm Beach, Fla.

Feb. 25-Signal corps wins indoor baseball championship of national guard.

March 27-L. D. S. U. beats Wheaton, Ill., in match game of basketball.

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Oct. 14-Hemery wins Vanderbilt cup automobile race over Long Island course. Distance, 233 miles. Time, 276 minutes.

Nov. 1-Arthur Duffy sets amateur sporting world agog with charges against A. A. U.

Nov. 20-A. A. U. wipes all of Arthur Duffy's records off record book.

Dec. 9-State basketball league formed with six teams entered, viz: W. S. A., B. Y. C., B. Y. U., A. C., L. D. S. U., Mutes.

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CYCLING GAME IS A SALT LAKE FAVORITE

City Has Many Admirers of the Speed Merchants of the Saucer.

YEAR'S RECORD CONTAINS MUCH OF INTEREST.

In summing up cycling for the year of 1905, it can truthfully be said that as far as Salt Lake is concerned the sport was a success, and, on the other hand, it has been a complete failure in the rest of the country. Cycling, once one of the most popular of sports, has practically become extinct in America outside of Salt Lake. Those who delight to watch the bikers ride around the saucer track at the Salt Palace can hardly realize this, but such is the case.

Late in the season the Vallsburg track opened and, still later an indoor track in Madison Square gardens conducted meets for a short time, but even the presence of Iver Lawson and Frank Kramer in a series of match races would not draw a public which seems to have tired of this kind of amusement. A few feeble attempts were made to run races around Boston with varied success.

This year an attempt was made to open the cycling game in Denver, but in spite of the fact that Denver was once a great cycling center, it resulted in a miserable failure. In behalf of the sport it should be said, however, that the blame lay entirely in the management of the track. A poor track was constructed in a bad locality and then an attempt was made to please the public with riders who would not class with Salt Lake's messenger force as speed merchants. When this failed to enthrone the public several "framed-up" races were pulled off and these were manipulated in such a raw manner that even an uneducated cycling public was quick to see what was doing. The outcome was a final shutdown of the game through lack of proper management.

The Cycle Game in Utah.

Ogden had its whirl at the game this year, but was forced to close down before the season was half over. There has always been a question as to whether the Junction City is large enough to support a cycling track, but friends of the game do not think the town had a fair trial this year and in all probability the game will be given another trial when the season rolls around again.

Salt Lake is, and has been for some time the home of cycle racing in America. This year was a successful one. While the attendance was probably not as great as a year ago, yet the class of sport was good and the season closed leaving a good taste in the mouths of the cycling fans. When the season opened and Iver Lawson was riding, and Salt Lake for a couple of weeks saw the greatest cycling in its cycling history. Then Lawson left for the east and the sport appeared tame, but interest again picked up as the closing days came along.

Sport in Salt Lake is Clean.

There is no reason why with proper management the sport of cycle racing should not remain popular in Salt Lake for years to come. It has been kept remarkably clean in the past and critical fans will demand the same kind of sport in the future. At this writing no plans have been made for next year's racing, but as the spring days begin to arrive one can again expect to see the busy bikers training at the historic saucer track.

The annual six day race which was held last month in New York was fully up to races of this class in the past, as far as attendance is concerned, but woefully weak in the class of riders entered. In the six days the riders fell short of the record by about 500 miles or less than has ever been ridden in a race of this kind. The great scarcity in material for races of this kind is such that any person who can ride a wheel is offered a bonus to attempt the long grind. The slow pace from start to finish makes it possible for these riders to make a showing, when in past years they would not have been able to keep within halting distance after the first hour's ride. This year the management made a small sized fortune, but the riders were hardly paid enough to warrant a course of training for the event. As the race is a big money maker, from the promoter's point of view, it will probably be continued as long as the receipts flow into the box office.



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